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In re Application of
Bamdad, et al.
Application No. 10/756,802
Filed: January 13, 2004
Attorney Docket No. M1015.70070US01
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed on December 21, 2007, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely respond to the final Office action mailed January 31, 2007, which set an extendable three month period for reply. No proper extension of time or reply being received in the Office, this application became abandoned on May 1, 2007. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on November 2, 2007.

Applicants have submitted a RCE and \$405.00 fee and amendment in reply to the January 31, 2007 final Office action, a proper statement of the unintentional nature of the delay in responding to the January 31, 2007 final Office action, and the \$770.00 petition fee. Therefore, the petition is granted.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136, an extension of time must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum period obtainable for reply to avoid abandonment. Accordingly, since the \$525.00 extension of time submitted with the petition on December 21, 2007 was filed subsequent to the maximum period obtainable for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's credit card.

After the mailing of this decision the application will be forwarded to Technology Center AU 1634 for consideration of the RCE and amendment filed on December 21, 2007.

Telephone inquiries pertaining to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3230.

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